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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2105-095]

#### **Pacific Gas & Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

July 21, 2005.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects' staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for an application for a non-capacity related amendment of the Lake Almanor Development of the Upper North Fork Feather River Project. The Upper North Fork Feather River Project, FERC No. 2105, is located on the Butt Creek and North Fork Feather River in Plumas County, California.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposal and concludes that approval of the proposal would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is attached to a July 20, 2005, Commission order titled "Order Approving Application for Amendment of License and Revised Exhibit K," which is available for review and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link. Enter the docket number (prefaced by P-) and excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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**Magalie R. Salas,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER05-795-001]

#### **ISO New England Inc. and New England Power Pool; Notice of Technical Conference**

July 22, 2005.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of its staff will hold a technical conference with ISO New England Inc. (ISO-NE) to discuss certain aspects of the "Joint Request for Clarification, or in the Alternative, Rehearing; Request for Expedited Action; and Request for Deferral of Filing Requirements of ISO New England Inc. and New England Power Pool" (Joint Request) filed on June 23, 2005 in Docket No. ER05-795-001.

The conference will take place on Thursday, July 28, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (e.d.t.), in Room 3M-3 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Washington DC 20426.

Specifically, the purpose of the conference is to discuss the mechanism for selecting generating units to provide Regulation Service as proposed in an April 7 filing, and how Regulation Clearing Prices would be established. The conference will also discuss any possible inconsistencies in the description of the mechanism as found in (i) the proposed Tariff revisions (especially section III.1.11.5 and section III.3.2.2), (ii) the Joint Request,<sup>1</sup> and (iii) the proposed revisions to the ISO-NE Manual for Market Operations, Manual M-11 (Revision XX—ASM Phase I), section 3 (especially section 3.2.5).<sup>2</sup>

During the conference, ISO-NE should be prepared to explain the proposed steps that would be taken to select generators to provide Regulation Service and to determine the Regulation

<sup>1</sup> The Joint Request (at 6-7) describes a 7-step process for determining the Resources that would be selected to provide Regulation Service and for determining the Regulation Clearing Price.

<sup>2</sup> The ISO-NE Manual for Market Operations has not been filed with the Commission. It may be found on the ISO-NE Web site at [http://www.iso-ne.com/rules\\_proceeds/isone\\_nnls/M-11\\_Market%20Operations\\_\(Revision%20XX\)\\_10-01-05.doc](http://www.iso-ne.com/rules_proceeds/isone_nnls/M-11_Market%20Operations_(Revision%20XX)_10-01-05.doc).

Clearing Price. To aid in this discussion, Staff requests ISO-NE to use the hypothetical example described in the Appendix to this Notice to illustrate how Resources would be selected to provide Regulation Service and how the Regulation Clearing Price would be determined. ISO-NE should also be prepared to explain whether, under its proposal, the Resources selected to provide Regulation Service would be those whose total costs of providing Regulation Service are the lowest. In addition, ISO-NE should be prepared to discuss the rationale for recalculating updated Regulation Rank Prices for generating units with Regulation Offer Prices that are less than the initial Regulation Clearing Price, as described in section 3.2.5(2) of the proposed revision to Manual M-11.

The conference is open for the public to attend. In addition, a telephone line will be provided for interested parties to call in and participate in the conference. Below is the call-in information for the conference call:

Date: July 28, 2005.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. e.d.t.

Toll-free Number: 877-546-1566.

Passcode: 65271.

Leader's Name: Mr. David Mead.

Parties interested in submitting comments following the conference must do so no later than August 11, 2005.

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For more information about the conference, please contact: David Mead at (202) 502-8028 or [david.mead@ferc.gov](mailto:david.mead@ferc.gov).

**Magalie R. Salas,**

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## Appendix

The following is a hypothetical example to be used during the technical conference to help illustrate how Resources would be selected to provide Regulation Service and how the Regulation Clearing Price would be determined.

Assume that 150 MW of Regulation Capability must be procured to provide Regulation Service for a particular hour. Assume that 6 different Resources, A through F, have submitted offers to provide Regulation Service. Each of the 6 Resources has an Automatic Response Rate of 10 MW per minute, and thus, a Regulation Capability of 50 MW (i.e., 10 MW per minute times 5 minutes). Although each Resource has submitted a different Energy Bid (shown in